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**567 tribes come alive in Tiller's Guide,
bringing the Native American story up to date 840 words**

BowArrow Publishing has published the third edition of *Tiller's Guide to Indian Country: Economic Profiles of American Indian Reservations* by Dr. Veronica Tiller, recognized since 1996 as the ultimate resource in its field: the economic progress of Native America.

Tiller's Guide is the most complete, widely used and relied-upon reference book about today's American Indian tribes. It includes meticulously researched profiles of each tribal community, with indispensable demographic and economic information on how the tribes live and work today on their 567 unique reservations.

Understanding the impactful economic success story of Indian Country is now possible like never before, due to the information in *Tiller's Guide*, about which the Washington Post wrote, "Every public library in America should have a copy on its shelves."

Since its first edition in 1996, *Tiller's Guide* has been the pre-eminent work on modern tribal economies in America, documenting in impressive detail that these tribes have not merely survived what was famously referred to as "A Century of Dishonor," marked by dispossession, deprivation, and despair, but are today thriving in many ways and in many areas.

These economic profiles tell a moving story of human perseverance, the power of cultural cohesion in tribal societies, and an entrepreneurial zeal that today still not only trades in salmon and buffalo, but in electronic communication services and wind- and solar-powered electricity as well.

The long-awaited third edition of *Tiller's Guide* begins with a new Preface with updated overviews of positive tribal impact on regional and national economies. The Preface surveys the gaming and tourism industries, the natural resources sector, water rights settlements, the oil and gas industry, the green economy and renewable energy. It

also offers comments on how economic development has been a “two-sided coin” for Indian country, creating both blessings and problems.

The third edition of Tiller’s Guide has entered a partnership with The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and its Honoring Nations awards program. Established in 1998, Honoring Nations recognizes outstanding examples of governance within the Indian Nations. The program provides teaching, advising and policy analysis between the Harvard Project and the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona. Tiller’s Guide and Honoring Nations shall be sharing resources and educating their readerships and networks about each other. The purpose is to encourage support for and participation in both of these enterprises which give unique support to Indian Country.

The editor, compiler and publisher of *Tiller’s Guide to Indian Country* is Dr. Veronica E. Velarde Tiller, Jicarilla Apache historian and world renowned scholar, consultant and speaker. With a Ph.D. in American Indian history from the University of New Mexico, Dr. Tiller taught American History at the University of Utah. She left her academic career in 1980 to concentrate on practical applications of her research. Since then, her company, Tiller Research, Inc., has specialized in studies related to tribal natural resources, including water rights, energy, forestry, the environment and tribal economies. Her many clients include tribes, federal and state agencies and private companies.

In the process of her research, Dr. Tiller realized that the powerful story of the modern rise of America’s Indian tribal economies was a story of national importance that was woefully undocumented, and in the early 1990s she assembled a team of researchers to produce the first edition of Tiller’s Guide. Tiller’s Guide is widely relied upon for its accurate and up-to-date demographic, geographic, and economic information. It has been cited by the U.S. Justice Department in briefs to the Supreme Court, and the Court itself has cited Dr. Tiller’s work. Her research has been utilized in litigation resulting in judgments and settlements for Indian tribes of more than \$100 million. Federal agencies and committees of Congress routinely refer to Tiller’s Guide for accurate information relevant to their missions and deliberations. Companies seeking to do businesses with Indian tribes have long found it to be an invaluable guide to opportunities throughout Indian holdings, in or near major metropolitan areas and across vast swatches of timbered America, immense stretches of native grasslands, and tens of thousands of acres of mineral resources and irrigated agriculture.

Organized geographically, Tiller's Guide profiles 567 federally recognized Indian tribes from Maine to San Diego County, from Alaska to the Everglades, and includes brief accounts of the history and culture of each, with detailed information regarding their economies, infrastructure, resources, enterprises, labor forces, populations, size and characteristics of their reservations, as well as hard-to-obtain contact information. Dr. Tiller and her team have visited many of the reservations personally to confirm the information in the tribal profiles with the tribes.

Dr. Tiller's third edition was published on December 1, 2015. *Tiller's Guide* is a literally peerless portrait of Indian tribes and their role in the 21st century American economy. The *Guide* tells, as Dr. Tiller says, "a powerful success story of the resilience of the human spirit and the promise of America itself." For information or to order, go to www.veronicatiller.com.

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